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1. DEPT APPRECIATES MISSION'S JANUARY 14 DEMARCHE
TO ZOLLNER.

2. ZOLLNER'S COMMENTS INTERESTING ON SEVERAL COUNTS
AND CONFIRM OUR SUSPICIONS HE PURSUING DELAYING
TACTICS DESPITE EARLIER PROMISE OF COOPERATION. OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST IS HIS CONTENTION THAT HE HAD
NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE ON MERGER INITIATIVE
WHICH IS PATENT LIE. HIS ALLUSIONS RE US MOTIVES
IN POINTING OUT DIFFERENT TACTICS USED VIS-A-VIS
ISVS COUNCIL AND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL CURIOUS, AS
IT WAS ZOLLNER HIMSELF WHO WARNED OF DIFFICULTIES
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A RESOLUTION ON MERGER WOULD ENCOUNTER IN GOVERNING

COUNCIL. HE FULLY AWARE THAT CREATION OF UNDP SECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP REFLECTS PRACTICAL SOLITICAL CONSIDERATION AND NO MORE. HE MAY WELL BE PERTURBED THAT PETERSON'S SETTING UP GROUP HAS UNDERCUT PLANS HE MAY HAVE HAD FOR LOBBYING IN GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. ISVS WASHINGTON-BASED CONSULTANT IRENE PINKAU INFORMED US JAN. 15 THAT ZOLLNER WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, AND WOULD COME TO WASHINGTON TO TALK TO DEPT. OFFICERS ON PLANS FOR WORKING GROUP. SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT ZOLLNER HAD TOLD HER PRINCIPAL WORKING DOCUMENT SECRETARIAT PREPARING ON ALTERNATIVES FOR MERGER WITHIN UNDP WOULD NOT BE READY BEFORE END FEB. AND HE THEREFORE PLANNED HAVE WORKING GROUP MEET BEGINNING MARCH. FACT THAT ZOLLNER ORIGINALLY SAID GROUP WOULD MEET IN JAN., THEN ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS STARTING MID-FEBRUARY AND NOW EARLY MARCH DESPITE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEBRUARY MEETINGS, IS CLEAR INDICATION HE PLAYING GAMES.

4. IN WASHINGTON TALKS WITH ZOLLNER WE EXPECT STRESS FOLLOWING:

A. DISAPPOINTMENT IN INABILITY OF SECRETARIAT TO FURNISH AT LEAST PRELIMINARY DOCUMENTATION BETWEEN OCT. 10 (DATE OF PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION) AND JAN. SO THAT WORKING GROUP COULD HAVE BEGUN STUDY OF MERGER QUESTION.

B. THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA ZOLLNER SHOULD INFORM WORKING GROUP PRESIDENT OLIVIERI THAT HE READY TO ADDRESS OPENING SESSION OF GROUP EARLY FEBRUARY ON UNDP ACTIONS, HIS DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK, AND SECRETARIAT PLANS FOR DOCUMENTATION, BOTH IN CONTENT AND AVAILABILITY. WE WOULD EXPECT WORKING GROUP TO SCHEDULE FUTURE SESSIONS AT THAT TIME, AND BELIEVE THAT MEETINGS SHOULD BE SPACED ENOUGH SO AS TO PERMIT GOVERNMENTS TO CONSULT.
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C. THAT ISVS COUNCIL MEET PRIOR TO JUNE 1974 SO THAT ITS DECISION ON STUDY MAY BE DISCUSSED AT UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JUNE SESSION.

D. THAT SECRETARIAT PREPARE FOR WORKING GROUP COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

5. MISSION MAY USE ABOVE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OLIVIERI
AND OTHER LOCAL REPS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. DEPT.
WILL INFORM MISSION OF FUTURE TALKS WITH
ZOLLNER. RUSH

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